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## Welcome Back

Welcome to the Best Fifth Grade Class. I am excited about this upcoming school year as I know you are. In the future you can expect to receive Fells Facts in a number of ways. Students will bring home a copy at the end of the month, but you can also access the Newsletter via e-mail, Wiki or classroom website depending on your preference. Technology will play a big part in the classroom as it does in our daily lives. Since we are preparing our students to compete in a global society it is expected they are

advanced in reading, math, science, social studies but in technology as well. We will explore the best ways your



***We are the captains of our ships (lives).***

student learns by participating in an on-line personality assessment. Technology will

also be used to encourage internet safety, publish student publications, introduce, reinforce and expound on classroom concepts. Lastly, each newsletter will include information about what students are learning, how you can assist with their learning, student, family and parental websites.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Open House. We always have such a delightful time and I can't wait to meet each of you. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to call (contact numbers on the top left hand side) and we can ar-

## How will I incorporate the 4 P's?

When communicating the four P's (proactive, personalized, positive, partnership) it is important to assure parent and student that while the child is in your care the student will represent parents and home in a positive

manner. They want to feel that the teacher is fair and caring. Parents should know the door is always open and anytime questions arise; contact the teacher. Conveying your expectations about the child's future and

success gives parents an indication of your goals. Teachers have to let parents know they are in the parents corner and that by working together (parent, student and teacher) the student will reach intended goal.



## A Students Perspective

This section will be used to discuss student generated topics in the areas of current events, poetry, appropriate personal experiences related to topics, technology trends and book reviews. Students will then publish their reports here.

***“Education is a precondition to survival in America today.”***

***Marian Wright Edelman***



## School two Home Connection

This section is intended to help you assist students at home. Strategies and improving fluency in math and reading is our focus this month.

When listening to your child read ask questions before, during and after reading. Begin with the 5w's: who, what, when,

where, and why. For example, before reading ask what do you think this book is about? During reading ask who are the characters so far? After reading ask when was the problem solved? Ask questions that start with one of the 5w's.

In the area of math, we

should focus on the counting on strategy and the zero strategy. When adding students should always start with the largest number. Tell them to visually put the largest number in their head and count up. The zero strategy is recognizing zero plus any number is the other number.

## The Upcoming Election

Keep the upcoming election in mind. No matter who you choose it is important that you contribute to the election process. We have to do our part to en-

sure a secure future for ourselves and our children. There have been important changes to voter identification requirements. To eliminate any confusion at the poles and keep ourselves abreast of cam-

paign issues visit the non partisan site <http://www.presidentialelection.com/about/index.htm>